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University of Northern Iowa  
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January 6, 2006

Mike Marshall  
Secretary of the Senate  
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Margaret Thomson  
Chief Clerk of the House  
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Dear Mr. Marshall and Ms. Thomson:

As required by Iowa Code §8D.10, the enclosed table summarizes the estimated FY 2005 increased costs for the Board of Regents associated with the use of the Iowa Communications Network. For the past three years, the Board has reported increased costs instead of savings as a result of ICN usage.

The assumptions used to estimate the dollars include:

1. Same level of participation in voice and data services regardless of cost.
2. Video expense would not exceed current budgeted amounts.
3. Alternate carriers always available.
4. Cost of equipment, setup, scheduling, and technical support are not included.

The Regent universities believe they could negotiate better prices on voice and data services with an alternate carrier. The Regent institutions estimate the use of the ICN costs \$596,467 more than if competing technologies were utilized. Since the institutions would most likely not spend more than the amount currently budgeted for video regardless of the source, there are no savings or additional costs associated with video usage.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Steinke

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Enclosure

cc: Mary Shipman, LSA  
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**Iowa Board of Regents  
Annual Report of FY 2005 ICN Savings**

**Institution:** All Regent Institutions

	<b>Cost of ICN Use</b>	<b>Estimated Savings (Additional Costs)</b>
University of Iowa	\$ 1,013,738	\$ (211,457)
Iowa State University	620,423	(314,938)
University of Northern Iowa	368,864	(70,659)
Iowa School for the Deaf	4,228	1,413
Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School	10,165	(826)
<b>FY 2005 Regent Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,017,418</b>	<b>\$ (596,467)</b>

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